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Springtime Tips

by Board President Estelle Cooperman

Springtime signifies new beginnings: a time of new growth and the start of new life. Spring is a great time to clean out the mental cobwebs and start new projects. When you clean out your wallet, check your library card – has it expired? If so, bring a piece of identification with you to the Library and renew your old card or apply for a new one. Your library card is one of the most valuable cards you own – and it's free!

When you start your spring cleaning, you can donate your unneeded books to the Library for sale. Pack the books in sturdy boxes and bring them to the Check-Out Desk at the Library. The staff will give you a form to fill out regarding the number of items donated and you will be sent a letter documenting the donation.

St. Patrick's Day Concert

The Morton Grove Park District Community Jazz Band performs on St. Patrick's Day, **Sunday, March 17, at 2 pm.** Directed by professional musician Ron Surace, the band will play jazz favorites and an Irish tune or two that are sure to shake your shamrocks. Seating is limited; **beginning February 4, call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make reservations.

Morton Grove Public Library Named Library of the Year

Each year, the North Suburban Library System presents the award of Library of the Year to one library in the System in recognition of its contributions to the development of the NSLS library community. Recently, the Morton Grove Public Library was honored with this award. The North Suburban Library System noted that the Morton Grove Public Library "is a shining example of providing customer service that enhances traditional library services with technological innovations and making these services widely available to an ethnically diverse community."

Voice of the Blues: Steve Cushing

Voice of the Blues is a multimedia presentation – a rare opportunity to see and hear a first-hand recounting of the lives and livelihoods of well-known Blues personalities. Culled from scores of interviews over the past two decades, *Voice of the Blues* is a fascinating glimpse into the Blues heritage – a vital part of the 20th Century Black experience. Steve Cushing, host of the syndicated radio program, *Blues before Sunrise*, on WBEZ, presents this informative program **Thursday, March 14, at 7 pm**. Seating is limited; **beginning February 14, make your reservations by calling 847-965-4220** or stopping by the Reference Services Desk.

Phil Passen on hammered dulcimer and Tom Conway on guitar

Traditional American and Celtic Music

Ready for some different music? How about a concert with driving dulcimer and percussive guitar? **Beginning February 11,** make your reservations for the **2 pm, Sunday, March 10,** concert by acoustic musicians Phil Passen and Tom Conway. **Call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Enjoy their music at home, too, by checking out their first CD, *Swinging on a Gate: Hammered Dulcimer & Guitar.*

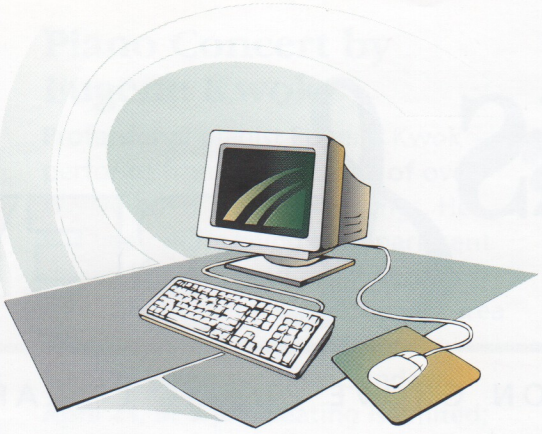
The Middle East: A Historic Perspective

Join us **Thursday, March 7, at 7 pm,** when Arch Bryant presents the political, economic, geographic, religious and other factors that have shaped the Middle East over time. Mr. Bryant created and taught the Middle East History course at Evanston Township High School and has traveled extensively in the Middle East. Currently, he is retired from teaching and is consulting for the College Board's Advanced Placement program in United States History.

Computer Classes

Word Processing: A Class in Two Parts

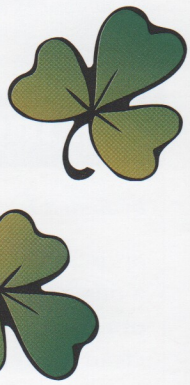
Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 9, at 10 am, Jennifer Didier, of Knowledge Alliance, will present a lecture/demonstration on the basics of Microsoft Word: entering text, file, and save commands; navigating in a document; editing techniques; formatting paragraphs; setting tabs and inserting tables; page appearance; tools; and printing. Note: this is *not* a hands-on course. (Participants who would like to use a PC at the Library may schedule an appointment at their convenience.)



Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Registration is limited to 100 and priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning February 1, please call 965-4220** or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

How to Buy a Computer: What's New on the Market?

Wednesday, April 17, at 7 pm, Jennifer Didier will discuss different types of computers on the market today; types of hardware and software, monitors, cameras, printers, scanners, and modems. Registration is limited to 100 and priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning March 18, please call 965-4220** or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

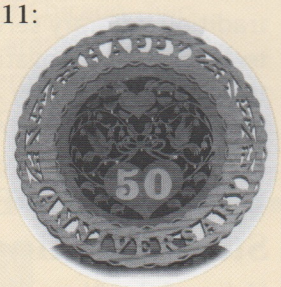


Exhibits @your library™

Marcia Babler exhibits oil paintings and computer-graphics in the Baxter Room during the month of March. Ms. Babler describes her work as "time and concept oriented." Ideas for her artwork come from day-to-day observations and are greatly influenced by three factors: communication, relationships, and technology.

The April exhibit in the Baxter Room will feature Kevin Luthardt, author and illustrator of the children's book, *Mine!* Mr. Luthardt will exhibit paintings from his book as well as sketches and concept drawings. Mr. Luthardt will be the special guest for the Children's Storytime April 11: see page 4 for registration information.

Intricate wood scrollwork by Morton Grove artist Lucien Mehring is exhibited in the Lincoln Ave. entryway display case during March. A retired wood pattern maker, Mr. Mehring has been carving decorative and commemorative pieces for about ten years.



Wood anniversary plate by Lucien Mehring

Creative *papiêr maché* hats, bowls, and other customized pieces are the forte of Iris Nason, a Morton Grove resident. Ms. Nason's hats will be on display during April in the Lincoln Ave. display case and in the new book area on the main floor of the Library.

Book Discussions

The Low Vision Book Group will be discussing Janet Fitch's book, *White Oleander,* at the **Wed., March 13, session, at 1 pm**. On **Wed., April 17, at 1 pm**, the discussion will be about *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwarz.

All Booked Up, the Library's morning book discussion group, will discuss *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich on **Thursday, March 21, at 10 am**. On **Thursday, April 18,** the group will discuss *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott.

Thinking Out Loud, the Tuesday evening book discussion group, will be discussing the film and book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee on **Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 pm.** A special showing of the film will be presented **Monday, March 18, at 7 pm**.

Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 pm, Thinking Out Loud members will discuss Susan Vreeland's book, *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 14 TO 20, 2002

"Come up and read to me sometime!"

Mae West was notorious for her snappy wit, innuendoes, and *double entendres* and has been celebrated as the most quoted woman in history. Did you know Mae West's autobiography was a best-seller? At a time when the entertainment industry was dominated by men, Mae West wrote her own plays and screenplays, in which she never let a man put anything over on her "except an umbrella." Actress Mary Anne Burkhalter brings the great comedienne's humor and songs to the Library stage in her *Tribute to Mae West,* **Sunday, April 14, at 2 pm.** Seating is limited; reservations are required. **Beginning March 11, please call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

Mary Anne Burkhalter as "Mae West"

Spring Craft Sessions

Join us in the Children's Room to make some great Spring decorations: bunnies, chicks, or flowers. Three sessions have been designed for specific age groups:

- Preschoolers and their parents: **Friday, March 8, 10-11 am.**
- Kids in grades 3 - 6: **Friday, March 15, 4-5 pm.**
- Kids in Kindergarten - grade 2: **Friday, March 22, 4-5 pm.**

Please register at the Children's Desk beginning Feb. 15.

Calling All Artists!

Entries will be accepted through **Saturday, June 1,** for the Library's 29th Annual Children's Art Contest. Morton Grove residents, pre-school through grade 6, may submit original art (any medium) on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell until June 2003. Additional information is available in the Children's Room.

Battle of the Books

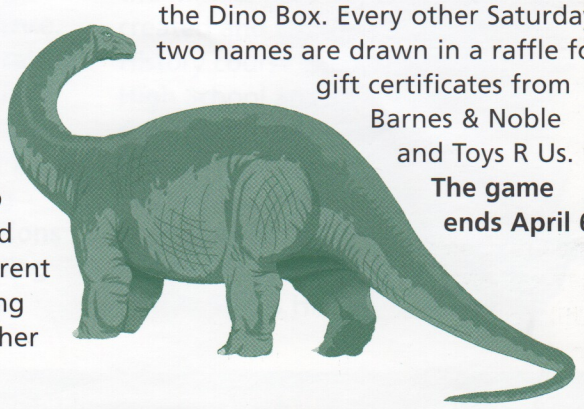
The reading competition, Battle of the Books, is in progress for seventh and eighth graders with teams from several area schools participating. Meets take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; the public is welcome to attend. Check the schedule posted outside the Baxter Room for specific dates.

Peter Rabbit Presented by Mark Nichols & The Puppet Place Theatre

For over thirty years, the *Puppet Place Theatre* has been dedicated to bringing this colorful and unique style of theater to audiences of all ages. **Saturday, April 20, at 2 pm**, a variety of distinct puppet styles will be showcased. Classical and contemporary musical scores enhance the production. Registration is required; priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning March 25, make your reservation** by stopping by the Children's Desk or by **calling 847-965-4220.**

Read for the Dinosaur Derby!

Dino Team members are accumulating points for their teams while earning *Dino Dollars* to spend on cool prizes on sale at the *Dino Digs*. Check out the scoreboard in the Children's Room for current team rankings. The high scoring team and top readers from other teams will win a **Dino Pizza Party to be held on April 13**. *Dino Read-to-Me* participants are turning in their Book Logs and choosing prizes from the Dino Box. Every other Saturday, two names are drawn in a raffle for gift certificates from Barnes & Noble and Toys R Us. **The game ends April 6.**



Mike & Ken Variety Show

Entertainers Mike & Ken

Join us **Saturday, March 9, at 2 pm,** for an entertaining variety show in the tradition of the great vaudeville duos such as Abbott & Costello and Laurel & Hardy. This fast-paced, hilarious show combines comedy with music and juggling, unicycling and audience participation. Seating is limited and registration is required. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning February 11, call the Children's Department at 847-965-4220** or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register.

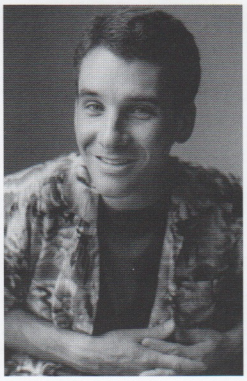
The Mad Hatters Are Coming!

The Mad Hatters share poems and tales from books and act them out. Hats are the costumes for their rhymes. Won't you join us? **Saturday, March 16, 10:30 am,** will be a fun time! Recommended for ages 2 through 10. Kids! Wear your favorite hat! Seating is limited; registration is required. **Beginning February 18, call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register.

Magic of Science

Don't miss the excitement of the *Magic of Science* program on **Saturday, March 23, at 2 pm**, when everyone becomes a magician! This astonishing performance will challenge the audience with scientific concepts in chemistry, light, magnetism, optical illusion and mathematics. Seating is limited and registration is required. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning February 25, call the Children's Department at 847-965-4220** or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register.

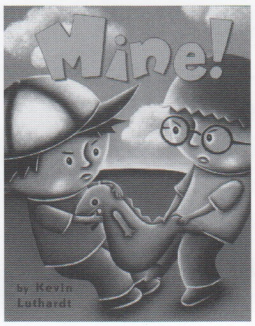
Bloom with Zak Morgan



Saturday, April 6, at 2 pm, Zak Morgan presents a delightful and innovative program showcasing the fun of reading. He uses highly interactive music and creative storytelling that exercises the imagination, encourages reading, and tickles the funny bone. Zak's program includes an original song, "Voldemort" with sound effects by the audience, and other songs which highlight puppets large and small. Reservations are required. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. **Beginning March 11, call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Children's Department Desk to register.

Special Storytime by Kevin Luthardt

Kevin Luthardt will read his book, *Mine!*, and demonstrate his drawing techniques for members of the Thursday evening Storytime class and their families on April 11. He will have coloring pages for all and will talk about his artwork on display during the month of April in the Baxter Room.



Special Film Matinees for Students

See page 5 for details.

CALENDAR

Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

Spring session will begin the week of March 18, 2002. Enrollment is limited and begins March 1. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents will be put on a waiting list and notified by phone if there is space available. Spring classes end the week of May 6.

Library Playtime

for 2-Year-Olds & Parents

Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3 - Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):

Wednesday 10 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7 pm
Class limit – 12

Creative Writing

Grades 3-6
Tuesday 4:30 pm
Class limit – 30

SPECIAL EVENTS

Seating is limited; reservations are required

March

3/9	Sat.	2 pm	*Mike & Ken Variety Show*
3/16	Sat.	10:30 am	*Mad Hatters*
3/23	Sat.	2 pm	*Magic of Science*
3/25	Mon.	1 pm	*Special Matinee: Shrek,* 191 minutes, rated PG
3/28	Thurs.	1 pm	*Special Matinee: Chicken Run,* 84 minutes, rated G

April

4/6	Sat.	2 pm	*Bloom with Zak Morgan*
4/13	Sat.	11:30 am	*Dinosaur Derby*
4/20	Sat.	2 pm	*Mark Nichols & Puppet Place Theatre Present Peter Rabbit*

Reminder:

Parents and Caregivers: Children under the age of 8 may not be left unattended in the Library or at special programs. Please plan your Library visits so that you can stay with your children.

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CALENDAR

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am – Lunchtime Videos

March

Date & Time	Free Programs
3/2 Sat. 10 am	*Word Processing: Part 1 of 2* registration required
3/2 Sat. 2 pm	*Basic Internet*: registration required
3/7 Thurs. 7 pm	*The Middle East: A Historic Perspective* (Arch Bryant)
3/9 Sat. 10 am	*Word Processing: Part 2 of 2* registration required
3/9 Sat. 2 pm	*The Mike and Ken Variety Show*: registration required
3/10 Sun. 2 pm	*Concert by Phil Passen and Tom Conway*: registration required
3/11 Mon. 11 am 2:30 & 7 pm	Feature Film: TBA
3/13 Wed. 1 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch
3/14 Thurs. 7 pm	*Voice of the Blues* registration required
3/14 Thurs. 7:45 pm	Board Meeting
3/16 Sat. 10:30 am	*Mad Hatters:* registration required
3/17 Sun. 2 pm	*St. Patrick's Day Concert by the Morton Grove Jazz Band*: registration required
3/18 Mon. 7 pm	Film for Discussion (3/26): *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
3/21 Thurs. 10 am	All Booked Up Discussion: *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich
3/23 Sat. 2 pm	*Magic of Science:* registration required
3/26 Tues. 7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Book & Film Discussion: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
3/31 Sun.	CLOSED for Easter

April

4/6 Sat. 2 pm	*Bloom with Zak Morgan* registration required
4/11 Thurs. 7:45 pm	Board Meeting
4/13 Sat. 11:30 am	Dinosaur Derby
4/14 Sun. 2 pm	*Tribute to Mae West:* registration required
4/15 Mon. 11 am, 2:30 & 7 pm	Feature Film: *TBA*
4/17 Wed. 1 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwarz
4/17 Wed. 7 pm	*How to Buy a Computer:* registration required
4/18 Thurs. 10 am	All Booked Up Discussion: *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott
4/20 Sat. 2 pm	*Mark Nichols and the Puppet Theater: Peter Rabbit:* registration required
4/21 Sun. 2 pm	*Eugene Kwok in Concert:* registration required
4/23 Tues. 7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion: *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland
4/27 Sat. 2 pm	*From the Garden to the Kitchen* presented by Phyllis Bangart: registration required

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

From the Garden to the Kitchen: How to Plant, Care for, and Utilize Herbs

Phyllis Bangart, noted Morton Grove gardening and culinary expert, presents a fact- and idea-filled program for gardeners, cooks, and gourmets on **Saturday, April 27, at 2 pm.** Join us for this informative session on planning your garden/containers, selecting herbs, caring for herbs, and the many ways of using herbs. Participants may sample some of the recipes following the program.

Reservations are required; beginning March 25, please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Special Film Matinees for Students

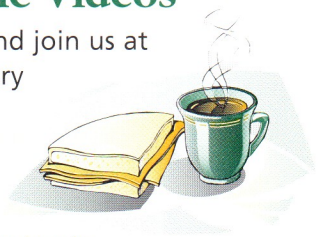
Looking for something fun to do during spring break? Students are invited to special film matinees at the Library:

Monday, March 25, at 1 pm: *Shrek*. 191 minutes. Rated PG. A reclusive ogre and a chatterbox donkey go on a quest to rescue a princess from a tyrannical lord.

Thursday, March 28, at 1 pm: *Chicken Run*. 84 minutes. Rated G. Facing certain death at the chicken farm where they are held, Rocky the rooster and Ginger the chicken rebel against the evil Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy, the farm's owners.

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served.

Lunchtime Videos



Pack a lunch and join us at the Library every Tuesday at 11:30 am for Lunchtime Videos. Travel to distant lands, tour historical and geographical landmarks, and listen to thought-provoking discussions and entertaining performances during this two-hour program. Coffee, ice water and sweet treats are served. Each month, there is at least one special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events. A feature film is shown and there is a raffle drawing for door prizes.

FILMS

Feature films are subject to change. Please call the Library to confirm titles to be shown.

Serendipity
Rated PG-13, 90 minutes
Monday, March 11
11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm

John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale star in this zany romantic comedy about amazing coincidences and serendipitous events.

The Man Who Wasn't There
Rated R, 116 minutes
Monday, April 15
11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm

Joel and Ethan Coen wrote and directed this black and white film set in 1949. Billy Bob Thornton plays a barber trapped by his job and his marriage, who becomes involved in a complicated series of events and crimes.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

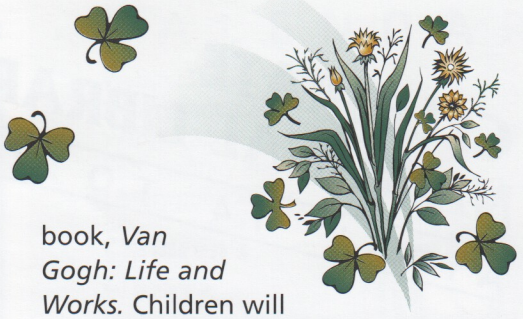
March 31: Easter Sunday

Piano Concert by Eugene Kwok

Professional pianist Eugene Kwok performs from a repertoire of over twelve hundred popular songs. He has been performing in department stores, libraries, and other venues throughout the greater Chicago area for many years. Come and enjoy favorite piano tunes on **Sunday, April 21, at 2 pm**. Seating is limited; **beginning March 25, call 847-965-4220** or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

New Art and Music Books

Be sure to check out some of the new art and music books now available at the Library. Both adults and children will find a wonderful collection of books about Van Gogh and Gauguin available for checkout. Douglas Druick's new book, *Van Gogh and Gauguin: The Studio of the South* was published in conjunction with the recent exhibit held at the Art Institute of Chicago. Two other new books are: *Van Gogh's Table at the Auberge Ravoux* by Alexandra Leaf and Linda Whiteley's book, *Van Gogh: Life and Works.* Children will enjoy *The Yellow House: Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin Side by Side*; *Katie and the Sunflowers* by James Mayhew, and *The Starry Night* by Neil Waldman.



The Reference Department has three new sets for use in the Library: *The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz* (three volumes), *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* (29 volumes), and the 34 volume set, *Dictionary of Art.*

Coming May 5

On Sunday, May 5, at 2 pm, *Tribune* columnist and WGN radio personality Rick Kogan comes to the Library to talk about "Sidewalks of Morton Grove and Chicago" and his new book, *Everybody Pays.* Registration will begin April 1.

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